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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - September 11, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Angel Espinoza-Lara was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court in San Diego by United States District Judge Larry A. Burns to serve 84 months in custody for having been found in the United States after being deported from the U.S. back to Mexico. Mr. Espinoza-Lara entered his guilty plea on June 21, 2007, before Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes to a one-count Indictment charging him with Being a Deported Alien Found in the United States. According to court records, Espinoza-Lara is a citizen and national of Mexico who had been deported from the United States to Mexico on four different occasions between 1991 and 2007. His most recent deportation to Mexico was on February 26, 2007. Just a few days later, on March 1, 2007, he was found back in the United States by U.S. Border Patrol agents approximately one mile north of the U.S.-Mexico border. A Border Patrol agent spotted Espinoza-Lara and another suspected undocumented alien, and alerted another Border Patrol agent of the sighting and exact location. The apprehending agent, after briefly talking with the

two men, determined that neither one had any immigration documents allowing them to enter or remain in the United States.

After the two men were transported to a nearby Border Patrol station and fingerprinted, Espinoza-Lara's identity and prior deportations were revealed. Espinoza-Lara was previously convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a controlled substance.

**DEFENDANT**      **Case Number: 07cr0777-LAB**

Angel Espinoza-Lara

**SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326 (a) & (b) (Deported Alien Found in the United States)  
Maximum Penalty: 20 years in prison; 3 years supervised release; and a \$250,000 fine.

**AGENCIES**

U.S. Customs & Border Protection  
U.S. Border Patrol